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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Sergey A. Selifonov, et. al.

Application No.: 09/618,579

Filed: July 18, 2000

For: METHODS FOR MAKING
CHARACTER STRINGS,
POLYNUCLEOTIDES AND POLYPEPTIDES
HAVING DESIRED CHARACTERISTICS

Examiner: Zhou, S.

Art Unit: 1631

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **April 24, 2001**, and the Examiner's Interview of **August 8, 2001**, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Applicant's undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for the courteous and productive Examiner's interview.

The following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for **2 months**, extending the period for response through the present date;
- 2) A receipt indication postcard; and,
- 3) A transmittal letter.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the specification and claims as follows, without prejudice to subsequent renewal.

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